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**Sales Tax**

**Taxability of Dues Paid to Nonprofit, Civic Organizations Which Entitle the Member to Receive Access to Clubs or the Privilege of Having Access to or the Use of Amusement, Entertainment, Athletic, or Recreational Facilities**

Act 25 of the 2016 First Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature enacted La. R.S. 47:302(V), 321(L), and 331(S) which provide that certain state exclusions and exemptions are operative and in effect for the purposes of the imposition of state sales taxes pursuant to La. R.S. 47:302, 321, and 331. The effective date of Act 25 is April 1, 2016.

Act 26 of the 2016 First Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature enacted La. R.S. 47:321.1, which imposes an additional state sales tax in the amount of one percent (1%). Beginning April 1, 2016, certain state sales tax exemptions and exclusions will continue to be in effect with regard to the additional state sales tax levied pursuant to La. R.S. 47:321.1. The effective date of Act 26 is April 1, 2016.

Pursuant to La. R.S. 47:301(14)(b)(i), one of the specifically enumerated services subject to sales tax in Louisiana is the furnishing, for dues, fees, or other consideration, of the privilege of access to clubs or the privilege of having access to or the use of amusement, entertainment, athletic, or recreational facilities. A membership fee, dues, or other consideration paid to an organization providing access to a club or the privilege of having access to amusement, entertainment, athletic, or recreational facilities is subject to taxation.

Louisiana Revised Statute 47:301(14)(b)(i) provides a sales tax exclusion for membership fees or dues paid to nonprofit, civic organizations granting access to clubs or the privilege of having access to amusement, entertainment, athletic, or recreational facilities. However, this sales tax exclusion is not operative and in effect for purposes of Acts 25 and 26. Therefore, membership fees and dues paid to these organizations will be subject to state sales tax. Membership fees or dues paid to nonprofit, civic organizations such as the Young Men's Christian Association, which grant members the privilege of having access to workout facilities, clubs, and swimming pools will be subject to state sales tax. Membership fees or dues that entitle the member to use the organization's clubs, or amusement, entertainment, athletic, or recreational facilities will be subject to state sales tax. Membership fees or dues paid to a club such as the Rotary Club, which does not grant members access to a club or the privilege of accessing amusement, entertainment, athletic, or recreational facilities will not be subject to state sales tax.

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Beginning April 1, 2016, membership fees or dues paid to a nonprofit, civic organization which provides access to clubs or the privilege of having access to amusement, entertainment, athletic, or recreational facilities will be subject to state sales tax as follows:

<b>Effective 4/1/2016 - 6/30/2016</b>	<b>State Sales Tax Rate 5%</b>
<b>Effective 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2018</b>	<b>State Sales Tax Rate 3%</b>
<b>Effective 7/1/2018 - 3/31/2019</b>	<b>State Sales Tax Rate 0%</b>

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